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## Omicron Chapter

November 2017

Editor Michelle Hopkins

Our Mission: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Our Vision: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

**MEETING: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Centered Earth Clay Arts Studio & Gallery (in Penn Hills Plaza)  
21 Kristi Road Muncy PA 17756 phone 570-666-3159

**RESERVATIONS due to Michelle by Sunday, November 5, 2017**

You can email your reservation for the November 8 meeting to me at [Hopyy14@comcast.net](mailto:Hopyy14@comcast.net) or call and leave message (570-326-9234). We need the count so that Kathy Gorg will know how many places to set up for decorating your Christmas ornament. The total cost will be \$10.00 for the ornament (if writing a check for the ornament, make check out to Centered Earth). We will decorate during the meeting and leave the ornaments there to be fired. I will make arrangements for them to be picked up and delivered as soon as they are ready. If you want to attend but not decorate an ornament that is certainly permitted. But please let me know so I can give Kathy a number so she can accommodate those attending.

**Menu:** You are on your own for dinner. You can eat at Springman's Café located across the road from Centered Earth, at Halls Sub Station located near the entrance to Penn Hills Plaza where Centered Earth is located, at home or bring a bagged dinner and eat at the gallery. Whatever works best for you.

### **OUR PROGRAM FOR THE EVENING:**

Kath Gorg, owner of Centered Earth, will give us a tour of the gallery and lead us through the decorating of a small Christmas ornament.

**In case you missed our September meeting:**



The Omicron Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an international society for key women educators, held their September meeting at the First United Methodist Church in Jersey Shore. Treasurer Tammy Morgan (left) hands the chapter's annual recruitment award to Amanda Mac Tarnaghan while Carmen Banfill (right) recording secretary looks on. Amanda, a graduate of Hughesville High School, is a senior at Lycoming College with a major in Mathematics and minor in Psychology. She will be student teaching in the spring semester at Warrior Run High School. Amanda belongs to Kappa Delta Pi, an International Honor Society in Education. She completed the Summer Academy for the Blind and Visually Impaired at Penn State. Amanda has spent time in the Dominican Republic where she taught lessons with all sorts of students.



**Tammy Morgan welcomes new member Helena Volansky who was initiated at our September meeting. Helena, a retired teacher from New Jersey who has her Master's of Education degree, now subs per diem at Montoursville Area High School. Helena resides with her husband Robert in Montoursville.**

At our September meeting our service project was an auction of donated gently used or new items with funds serving our commitment to World Fellowship - Schools for Africa. We raised \$160.00 from the auction and members won wonderful prizes including mums, autumn decorations, and even some bottles of wine. Thanks to everyone for your wonderful donations.

## Inside our Chapter:

**Chris Kindon's** daughter Kyra and her husband Ron flew from San Francisco the end of Sept. to have their son, Kieren Patrick, born here in mid-Oct. Kieren was delivered by one of Chris' former students, Dr. Angie Huggler, and several of her students were nurses caring for Kyra and Kieren at the Williamsport Hospital--how heartwarming! The experience of enjoying their new grandson has delighted Chris and husband Bobby. All of their children were home the weekend after Kieren arrived to celebrate his birth, and the following weekend their two granddaughters from Virginia, Ayana (5) and Elysia (3) came to hug their new cousin. Chris looks forward to spending a lot of time with her eldest child since Kyra plans to stay at the family's Linden farm throughout her maternity leave. Luckily Ron can work remotely with just a few trips back to CA between now and the new year. They all feel very blessed!

On October 18, 2017 Terry and **Carmen Banfill** donated their 176th flag with a new pole to the South Renovo Fire Company and Senior Center. The fire company gave the Banfills a beautiful appreciation plaque. On October 26 the new cross on the Lock Haven Catholic School will be blessed. The Banfills replaced the old cross with a new one.

**Deb Leonard** and her husband spent the week of October 23 in Mazatlan, Mexico, which is on the western coast on the Sea of Cortez. They enjoyed this vacation with another couple who invited them to their time share- an all inclusive resort.

**Diane Whitaker** enjoyed a trip to New York City with her daughter and grand-daughters to see the Neil Simon Theatre's production of CATS. Thank you for the beautiful Get Well Card. I'm sorry I could not be with you in September. I am looking forward to our next meeting at the Centered Earth Clay Art Studio and Gallery. Be thinking of basket themes for the June convention. In March we will begin to get the materials ready so at the May meeting we can put it together. See you in November!

At the end of September **Eleanor Kodish** flew to South Windsor, Connecticut with a friend to celebrate a joyous Oktoberfest at her daughter's home. It was a fund raiser for Juvenile Diabetes and was very successful. I have been volunteering in my daughter-in-law's third grade classroom at the Mill Hall Elementary School. Because there would be two Mrs. Kodishes in the room, it was decided that I will be called Miss Eleanor--- I love it!

**Michelle Hopkins** continues her volunteering at LAPS (Lycoming Animal Protection Society), a no kill cat shelter in S. Williamsport. Her many duties include work at the shelter taking care of the cats, returning phone calls, representing LAPS at various events, and selling BonTon Community Sales Day coupon booklets for the big November 8 to 11 sale. The booklets, which have several hundreds of dollars worth of coupons, cost \$5.00 with 100% of the money going directly to LAPS; email Michelle at [Hopyy14@comcast.net](mailto:Hopyy14@comcast.net) if you are interested in purchasing one. "I average 2 to 3 days a week subbing at Montoursville Area High School so life is busy. I am happy to announce the arrival of my fourth great-niece Layla Mae, who was delivered by her father Matt at their home on Sunday, October 8. Mom Ashley, big sister Jocelyn, age 4, and dad are all doing fine after their exciting experience. "

### **Information from our State President Barbara Gasperini**

Need Money for Projects, Seminars or Professional Growth?

Go the [www.dkgef.org](http://www.dkgef.org) and use your computer bookmark to connect you to the website of the Educational Foundation of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Take advantage of the opportunities to apply for funds that are available to individuals, chapters and state organizations. Deadlines to apply for the funds are on or before:

- November 1, 2017: The Cornetet Seminar for Professional Development Award (CSPD) is granted to organizations within The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to sponsor professional development seminars open to all educators.
- January 3, 2018: Up to \$10,000 may be awarded to groups or individuals for projects that not only benefit children and education but also encourage intercultural understanding and educational excellence.
- February 1, 2018: Members and nonmembers can apply for Cornetet Individual Professional Development (CIPD) Awards to participate in events and activities that occur between March 15, 2018 and October 15, 2018.

### **Looking Ahead:**

**Our March 10, 2018 breakfast meeting will hopefully be held at Waltz's Creamery with Kathy Gephart presenting information on Literacy. Our May 9, 2018 meeting will hopefully be at Santino's in Jersey Shore with installation of officers and Jerry Walls discussing Susquehanna Greenway Partnership.**

